



## WEISENKIRCHNER BUSCHENBERG RIESLING 2017

<b>Origin:</b>	Austria, Wachau, Spitz an der Donau
<b>Quality grade:</b>	Österreichischer Qualitätswein
<b>Site:</b>	Weissenkirchner BUSCHENBERG
<b>Site Type:</b>	terraces
<b>Varietal:</b>	Riesling 100 %   35 - 45 years 4000 - 6000 plants/ha   3000 - 4000 liter/ha
<b>Geographical Orientation:</b>	south east
<b>Sea Level:</b>	250 - 290 m
<b>Soil:</b>	mica schist



### Cellar

<b>Harvest:</b>	handpicked   end/september   15 kg cask
<b>Malolactic Fermentation:</b>	no
<b>Skin Contact:</b>	3 hour(s)
<b>Fermentation:</b>	spontaneous Pre Clarification: yes   soft   12 hours   Enzymes Used: no acacia barrel   650 L   used barrel   5 week(s)
<b>Maturing:</b>	acacia barrel   650 L   used barrel   8 month(s)
<b>Time on the Full Yeast:</b>	4 month(s)
<b>Time on the Fine Yeast:</b>	4 month(s)

<b>Bottling:</b>	natural cork   end/august 2018   1000 bottles
<b>Deacidification:</b>	no
<b>Acidification:</b>	no

## Data

<b>Wine Type:</b>	Still wine   white   dry
<b>Alcohol:</b>	13.5 %
<b>Residual Sugar:</b>	1 g/l
<b>Acid:</b>	7.2 g/l
<b>PH Value:</b>	3.3
<b>Allergens:</b>	sulfites
<b>Drinking Temperature:</b>	11 °C

## Wine Description

The terraces lie just to the east of Ried Klaus. This site is relatively unknown because many vintners cultivate small parcels and, until now, no site wines were produced. Great primary rock soils with minimal growth potential yield reductive, minerally and powerful Rieslings with long-term storage life. Vine planting: from 1979. No machine use possible; pure handwork.

## Winery

Unlike practically any other wine region, the Wachau is distinguished by its terraced vineyards with extremely old, dry stone walls. Not only do they represent the optical allure that the Wachau is so famous for, but they also are markedly responsible for the unique character of the Wachau's wines. Manual care of the terraces is highly intensive (requiring 5 -10 times more work than in vineyards which can accommodate vehicles). And this is why many of the old terraces are in danger of being abandoned - something that would ultimately change the landscape of the Wachau in the future. So I made it my goal to acquire exposed terraces with mainly old vines and protect them from being cleared. Although this means pure handwork - no machines whatsoever - I am convinced that the qualities of the wines are so unique, so full of character and spectacular, that this work will be repaid many times over. Most of the vines are between 30 and 50 years old. Drinkability and age-worthiness are key to all work-related decisions. And working with healthy grapes that have not been exposed to the Botrytis fungus is of the highest priority. This means that fine, extremely elegant wines with a filigree minerality and plenty of tension are created - wines that are likely to be closed in their youth. (Bio-control agreement with Lacon since August 2008 for production of grapes.)